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Hello RICT Members,

As you know, EPA is responding to the Gold King Mine Blowout. Some background:

On August 5, 2015, EPA was conducting an investigation of the Gold King Mine. The intent of the investigation was to assess the on-going water releases from the mine and to treat mine water and to assess the feasibility of further mine remediation. The plan was to excavate the loose material that had collapsed into the cave entry back to the timbering. During the excavation, the loose material gave way, opening the adit (mine tunnel) and spilling the water stored behind the collapsed material into Cement Creek, a tributary of the Animas River.

Initial estimates are that the release contained approximately one million gallons of water (estimated from the dimensions of the mine adit) that was held behind unconsolidated debris near an abandoned mine portal. There were several workers at the site at the time of the breach, all were unharmed.

We have stood up the EOC and have already called in initial IMT/RSC members to assist. We are currently filling Finance, Logistics, Planning, Public Information and Operations sections, along with units/teams under those sections. Because this incident is ongoing, the EOC will be open over the weekend to support operations in the field and we expect this effort to continue into next week. Thus, we will be contacting various IMT members to help us manage this incident. Attached is the most recent IMT roster along with ARAs to give you an idea who may be called (we're still working out our staffing plans so please bear with us as this comes together).

If you have any questions, you can contact me or Martin Hestmark.

Thanks for your support, Gina

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